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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS -- JULY 11 POLADS MEETING
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1. BLACK BEAR MANEUVER. WE CONCUR IN MISSION SUGGESTIONS (PARAGRAPH EIGHT OF REFTEL A) FOR HANDLING POLADS DISCUSSION OF THIS MANEUVER.

2. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN FORTHCOMING ALLIED IMAGE ON CBMS IMPLEMENTATION AND RECOGNIZE THEREFORE THAT MANY CSCE PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY NNAS, MIGHT VIEW ALLIED DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN 8,200 AND 10,000 TROOPS AS A RATHER FINE DISTINCTION, IF NOTIFICATION WERE NOT MADE OF THIS HIGHLY VISIBLE EXERCISE ON EUROPE'S SENSITIVE NORTHERN FLANK. ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE AN INCREASE IN ALLIED PARTICIPATION TO 10,000 TROOP LEVEL. IF, IN SPITE OF FRG AND MISSION EFFORTS, ALLIED CONSENSUS APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING IN FAVOR OF BLACK BEAR NOTIFICATION, MISSION MAY CONCUR IN IT. AT SAME TIME, MISSION SHOULD OBTAIN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IN FUTURE

ALLIES WILL SEEK TO NOTIFY ONLY THOSE MANEUVERS WHICH EXCEED 10,000 TROOPS.

3. SOVIET MANEUVER IN GDR: MISSION MAY INFORM POLADS WE HAVE HAD NO EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS WHY THEY DID NOT INVITE OBSERVERS TO THEIR MANEUVER IN GDR. WE WOULD CONSIDER IT PREMATURE, HOWEVER, TO CONCLUDE THAT SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS CBMS IMPLEMENTATION IS STIFFENING. THE JULY 3-8 EVENT WAS THE FIRST SOVIET EXERCISE OVER 25,000
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TROOPS OUTSIDE THE U.S.S.R. SINCE HELSINKI. LACK OF INVITATIONS MIGHT ALSO REFLECT FOR SOVIETS SOME ASPECTS OF THE ALL-GERMAN QUESTION: SOVIETS DID NOT REFER TO THE GDR IN THEIR NOTIFICATION AND THEY USED THE TITLE, "SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY", WHICH FOR SOVIETS REPRESENTS A RESIDUAL OCCUPATION RIGHT. SOVIETS MAY HAVE ALSO WISHED TO HAVE AVOIDED QUESTION OF INVITATIONS TO FRG AND GDR OBSERVERS. CONCERNING LATTER POINT, MISSION MIGHT INVITE FRG COMMENT ON ITS POSITION IF WEST GERMANS WERE INVITED TO A FUTURE MANEUVER IN THE GDR.

4. SPANISH CONCERN OVER DISPLAY DETERMINATION: SPANISH HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED U.S. ON RUMORED GIBRALTAR-DISPLAY DETERMINATION CONNECTION. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED REFTEL C, SPANISH HAVE LONG HAD SPECIAL CONCERN OVER GIBRALTAR INVOLVEMENT IN EVENTS WHICH COULD REINFORCE BRITISH POSITION AT EXPENSE OF SPAIN. U.S. HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED STRICT NEUTRALITY ON GIBRALTAR ISSUE. U.S. POSITION IS THAT LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF U.S. PORT CALLS AT GIBRALTAR DOES NOT FAVOR ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER.

5. BOLD GUARD MANEUVER (REFTEL B): WE WILL NOT MAKE
PARALLEL NOTIFICATION SINCE U.S. PARTICIPATION WILL BE
LESS THAN 5,000 TROOPS (CIRCA 4000).

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